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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

CENSUS BUREAU WANTS YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1990 CENSUS REPORTS AND COMPUTER TAPES

PLANNING FOR THE 1990 CENSUS, THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE NATION'S FIRST CENSUS, HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME. IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS LAST YEAR, USERS OF CENSUS INFORMATION RECOMMENDED THE TOPICS THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE 1990 CENSUS. MAINE'S IDEAS WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED BY BUREAU EXPERTS WHEN WE HAD A WELL-ATTENDED LOCAL PUBLIC MEETING AT THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER LAST JUNE. MANY WELL-THOUGHT-OUT IDEAS WERE DEVELOPED FROM A DEDICATED AND ENERGETIC GROUP OF MAINE CENSUS DATA USERS.

AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS ACROSS THE NATION THIS SPRING, THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON THE CENSUS BUREAU'S PROPOSALS FOR THE DATA PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE PRODUCED FROM THE 1990 CENSUS.

THE CENSUS BUREAU WILL BE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS: HOW SHOULD THE 1990 CENSUS DATA BE PRESENTED? TO WHAT DEGREE DO SMALL BUSINESSES USE MICROCOMPUTERS? WHAT MEDIA--PAPER, MICROFICHE, OR COMPUTER TAPE--WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THE LOCAL PLANNERS? WHAT SPECIFIC PRODUCTS DO VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES NEED?

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILL HOST THE MEETING FOR THE NORTHEASTERN REGION OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SONESTA HOTEL IN PORTLAND ON MAY 7, 1986. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING FOLLOWS ON PAGE 2.

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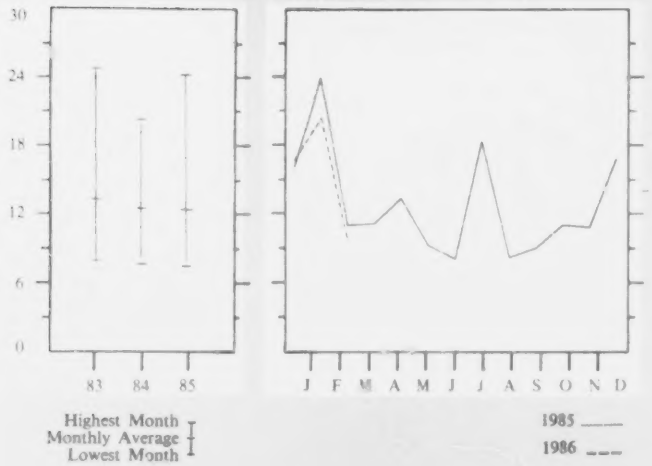
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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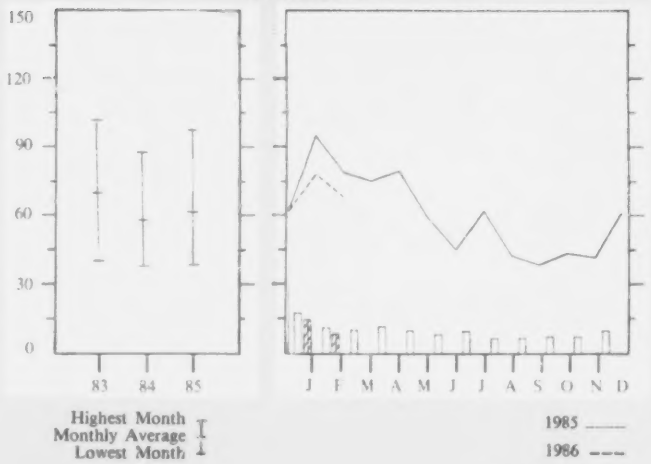

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1990 CENSUS PRODUCT MEETINGS
SPRING 1986

8:30 A.M.	REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
9:05 A.M.	GENERAL REMARKS ON 1990 CENSUS PRODUCTS GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR WORKING GROUPS
9:30 A.M.	WORKING GROUP SESSIONS GROUP A: REPORTS AND MICROFICHE GROUP B: MACHINE READABLE PRODUCTS, DOCUMENTATION AND SOFTWARE GROUP C: GEOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH
1:00 P.M.	REPEAT WORKING GROUP SESSIONS GROUP A: REPORTS AND MICROFICHE GROUP B: MACHINE READABLE PRODUCTS, DOCUMENTATION, AND SOFTWARE GROUP C: GEOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS
3:30 P.M.	SUMMATION AND GENERAL DISCUSSION
4:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD ON DATA PRODUCTS TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS. REMEMBER, THE MEETING IS FREE OF CHARGE, AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PREREGISTER. WE ARE HOPING FOR A LARGE TURNOUT WITH MANY IDEAS FOR USEFUL 1990 CENSUS PRODUCTS.

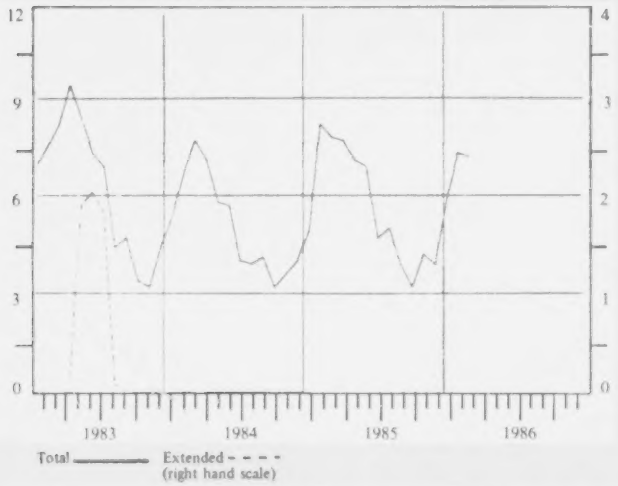
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT RAYNOLD A. FONGEMIE OR JEAN MARTIN AT 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

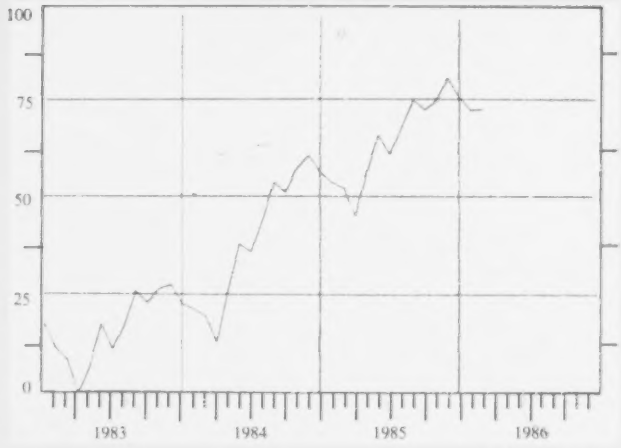
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	455.9	452.5	438.9	108.0	108.3	103.2	36.9	37.0	36.0
Total Manufacturing	105.9	105.6	107.0	16.8	16.8	16.4	10.4	10.5	10.3
Durable Goods	45.6	45.9	46.0	8.4	8.3	8.3	2.6	2.6	2.5
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.7	14.9	14.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	4.0	3.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.1	4.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.8	9.6	9.7	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.5	10.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	0.1	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.7	3.8	3.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	60.3	59.7	61.0	8.4	8.5	8.1	7.8	7.9	7.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.5	7.5	7.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.0	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.3	4.3	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	17.1	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.0	4.0	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	13.3	13.6	14.8	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.9	11.1	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.0	2.1
Other Leather Products	2.4	* 2.5	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.0	1.0	1.1	4.9	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	350.0	346.9	331.9	91.2	91.5	86.8	26.5	26.5	25.7
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	20.4	21.2	17.4	5.3	5.6	4.7	1.5	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.1	19.1	18.6	5.8	5.8	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.3	21.1	8.7	8.7	8.4	1.8	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	83.6	85.5	77.0	22.0	22.9	21.2	6.7	6.7	6.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.8	21.7	20.1	10.0	10.0	9.1	1.9	1.9	1.9
Services	92.7	91.7	89.9	24.7	24.7	23.3	9.4	9.4	9.2
Government	89.8	85.3	87.7	14.7	13.8	14.6	3.8	3.7	3.6
Federal	18.8	18.8	18.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	71.0	66.5	69.4	13.0	12.1	13.0	3.5	3.4	3.3
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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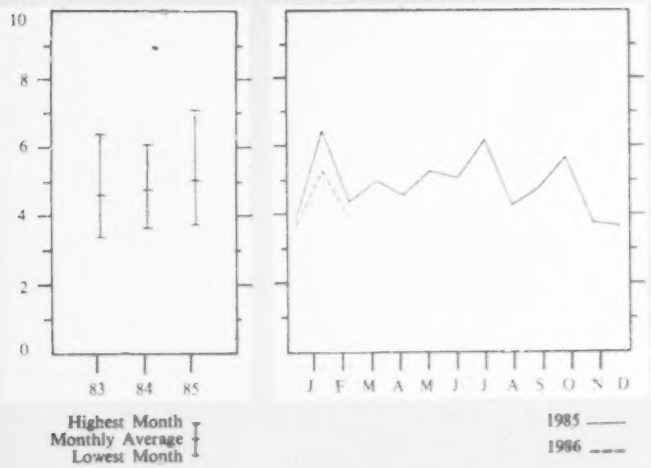
New Applications For Work

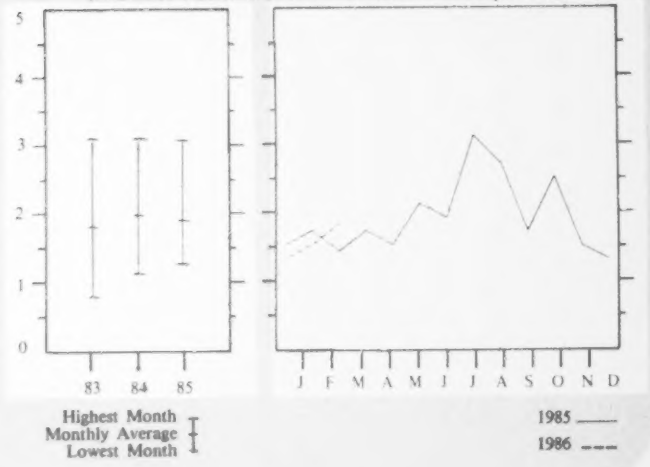
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$346.18	$346.23	$331.30	40.3	40.4	39.3	$8.59	$8.57	$8.43	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	353.38	352.76	338.05	40.9	40.5	39.4	8.64	8.71	8.58	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	319.98	318.79	312.05	39.7	39.7	39.6	8.06	8.03	7.88	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	358.52	353.62	336.20	43.3	42.4	40.9	8.28	8.34	8.22	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	382.47	381.10	372.74	41.8	41.2	41.6	9.15	9.25	8.96	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	300.30	289.94	274.07	39.0	38.0	36.3	7.70	7.63	7.55	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	429.57	438.96	406.63	43.0	42.7	40.3	9.99	10.28	10.09	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	341.15	341.78	325.75	39.9	40.4	39.2	8.55	8.46	8.31	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	227.22	250.56	223.08	32.6	34.8	33.0	6.97	7.20	6.76	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	279.07	278.21	272.81	41.1	41.4	42.1	6.79	6.72	6.48	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	207.72	202.06	208.26	36.7	35.7	35.6	5.66	5.66	5.85	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	582.07	575.99	539.81	47.4	47.8	45.4	12.28	12.05	11.89	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	217.31	216.08	208.98	36.4	36.5	35.3	5.97	5.92	5.92	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	312.03	299.15	283.46	39.2	38.8	38.1	7.96	7.71	7.44	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	356.69	349.46	332.26	39.5	38.7	37.8	9.03	9.03	8.79	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	266.81	256.36	n/a	38.5	37.7	n/a	6.93	6.80	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	233.7	234.6	230.9
Unemployed	14.7	15.6	15.5
(Percent)	6.3%	6.7%	6.7%
Resident Employed	219.0	219.0	215.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	327.5	328.4	317.4	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	- 0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	0.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 3.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	538.1	537.9	534.4	502.4	501.4	498.2	35.7	36.5	36.2	6.6	6.8	6.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,600	38,700	40,500	37,100	36,200	38,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	6.3	6.5	6.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,100	40,000	39,900	36,800	36,800	36,500	3,300	3,200	3,400	8.2	8.0	8.5
Portland MSA	109,200	110,000	106,700	105,500	106,100	102,800	3,700	3,900	3,900	3.4	3.5	3.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	118,750	119,460	113,950	114,680	115,160	108,190	4,070	4,300	5,760	3.4	3.6	5.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,940	30,000	30,460	27,970	28,000	28,580	1,970	2,000	1,880	6.6	6.7	6.2
Bath-Brunswick	25,030	25,560	24,840	23,860	24,320	23,560	1,170	1,240	1,280	4.7	4.9	5.2
Belfast	10,230	10,320	10,530	8,960	8,990	8,860	1,270	1,330	1,670	12.4	12.9	15.9
Biddeford	23,950	24,360	23,460	22,430	22,750	22,120	1,520	1,610	1,340	6.3	6.6	5.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,610	10,600	10,930	9,880	9,850	10,250	730	750	680	6.9	7.1	6.2
Calais-Eastport	12,690	12,370	12,510	11,120	10,810	11,140	1,570	1,560	1,370	12.4	12.6	11.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,060	20,880	20,770	19,090	18,870	18,520	1,970	2,010	2,250	9.4	9.6	10.8
Central Penobscot	2,770	2,760	2,600	2,530	2,510	2,340	240	250	260	8.7	9.1	10.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,180	6,220	6,390	5,740	5,780	6,000	440	440	390	7.1	7.1	6.1
Ellsworth	20,150	20,330	19,640	18,160	18,260	17,810	1,990	2,070	1,830	9.9	10.2	9.3
Farmington	12,190	11,080	11,970	11,220	10,080	10,880	970	1,000	1,090	8.0	9.0	9.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,910	4,850	5,410	4,390	4,350	4,860	520	500	550	10.6	10.3	10.2
Greenville	1,140	1,120	1,310	1,030	1,010	1,190	110	110	120	9.6	9.8	9.2
Houlton	5,780	5,760	5,830	5,330	5,320	5,420	450	440	410	7.8	7.6	7.0
Kittery-York 3/	26,820	26,960	25,720	26,140	26,220	25,020	680	740	700	2.5	2.7	2.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,390	5,420	5,380	4,970	5,020	5,060	420	400	320	7.8	7.4	5.9
Livermore Falls	4,370	4,470	4,600	3,990	4,100	4,140	380	370	460	8.7	8.3	10.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,760	3,800	3,690	3,310	3,320	3,260	450	480	430	12.0	12.6	11.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,470	4,470	4,410	4,120	4,130	4,210	350	340	200	7.8	7.6	4.5
Norway-Paris	11,000	11,220	10,910	10,030	10,250	10,010	970	970	900	8.8	8.6	8.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,490	2,410	2,230	2,320	2,240	2,100	170	170	130	6.8	7.1	5.8
Rockland	17,060	16,620	16,470	15,900	15,340	15,320	1,160	1,280	1,150	6.8	7.7	7.0
Rumford	8,230	8,350	8,560	7,520	7,610	7,750	710	740	810	8.6	8.9	9.5
Sanford	15,230	15,270	15,160	14,050	14,040	14,030	1,180	1,230	1,130	7.7	8.1	7.5
Sebago Lakes Region	11,160	11,250	9,810	10,640	10,710	9,250	520	540	560	4.7	4.8	5.7
Skowhegan	21,040	21,270	21,430	19,010	19,290	19,320	2,030	1,980	2,110	9.6	9.3	9.8
Southwest Penobscot	10,120	10,150	10,350	9,120	9,160	9,360	1,000	990	990	9.9	9.8	9.6
Waterville	21,610	21,360	21,980	20,240	20,010	20,550	1,370	1,350	1,430	6.3	6.3	6.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,698.1	1,679.3	n/a	1,621.0	1,585.9	n/a	77.1	93.4	n/a	4.5	5.6
Massachusetts	3,027.0	3,039.0	3,031.0	2,898.0	2,916.0	2,898.0	129.0	123.0	133.0	4.3	4.1	4.4
New Hampshire	541.4	545.4	516.6	520.7	524.7	493.0	20.7	20.7	23.6	3.8	3.8	4.6
Rhode Island	496.9	496.7	493.7	470.7	470.5	464.2	26.2	26.2	29.5	5.3	5.3	6.0
Vermont	n/a	288.0	273.7	n/a	272.7	257.8	n/a	15.3	15.9	n/a	5.3	5.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,067.2	5,994.3	n/a	5,804.9	5,698.9	n/a	262.3	295.4	n/a	4.3	4.9
UNITED STATES 4/	115,725	115,431	113,592	106,685	106,959	104,690	9,041	8,472	8,902	7.8	7.3	7.8

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,090	15,240	17,615	1,380	1,390	1,790	1,553	1,344	1,771
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.4	3.5	4.1	4.0	1.4	1.9	1.6	3.9	5.2

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	4.2	3.6	6.5
Clerical and Sales	10.0	9.8	14.5
Service	7.0	7.1	10.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.8	2.7	2.2
Processing	5.6	6.2	4.6
Machine Trades	15.5	15.2	12.5
Benchwork	14.1	12.5	11.7
Structural Work	23.9	25.0	21.0
Miscellaneous	16.9	17.9	16.4

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	61.0	59.4	60.3
Under 22	6.2	5.6	6.7
22-24	10.7	10.5	11.6
25-34	32.2	31.7	31.4
35-39	11.8	11.6	10.6
Total 40 and Over	39.0	40.6	39.7
40-44	8.6	8.6	7.6
45-54	13.1	13.4	12.2
55-64	10.7	10.7	9.7
65 and Over	6.6	7.9	10.2

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